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SUBJECT: FY76 IV PROGRAM

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1. ADDITIONAL BIODATA ON EMOTO:

PRESENT ADDRESS: 155-302, KAMI-FUKUOKA-SHI, SAITAMA-KEN,

JAPAN. EDUCATION: GRADUATED FROM WASEDA UNIV.

MARRIED. CHILDREN: 2 SONS (19 AND 14).

2. GENERAL: EMOTO, ALTHOUGH HE HAS SERVED BRIEFLY AS
SANKEI SHIMBUN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IN SAIGON DURING
VIETNAM WAR, HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS JOURNALISTIC LIFE
CONCENTRATING ON JAPANESE LABOR AFFAIRS AND FREELY ADMITS
THAT HE NEEDS TO IMPROVE HIS UNDERSTANDING OF HOW
AMERICAN SOCIETY, AND PARTICULARLY THE U.S. LABOR
MOVEMENT, WORKS.

A) THE ROLE OF LABOR UNIONS IN U.S. SOCIETY (E.G.
LABOR-MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, LABOR UNION CONCERN WITH
NON-WAGE-RELATED SOCIAL ISSUES (SO-CALLED "SOCIAL
UNIONISM") POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF LABOR UNIONS,
EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED, THE ATTITUDES
TOWARDS ORGANIZED LABOR HELD BY OTHER GROUPS IN THE
U.S. SOCIETY).

B) STATE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY (UNEMPLOYMENT AND
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USG EFFORTS TO OVERCOME IT, FREE TRADE VS.

PROTECTIONISM, ATTITUDES TOWARDS JAPANESE COMPETITION, LABOR AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS OF JAPANESE OWNED ENTERPRISES IN U.S.).

C) U.S. JAPAN RELATIONS.

EMOTO IS COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE WITH REGARD TO WHOM HE SEES AND WHERE HE GOES IN U.S., BUT WOULD LIKE TO COMBINE VISITS TO UNION HEADQUARTERS AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN MAJOR CITIES WITH LOOK AT OPERATIONS OF LOCAL UNION IN SMALLER COMMUNITY AND EXAMINATION OF ATTITUDES TOWARDS TRADE UNIONISM IN AN AREA WHERE LABOR UNIONS STILL WEAK (E.G. A SOUTHERN OR ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE). HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH LABOR JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING LABOR REPORTERS AND EDITORIAL WRITERS FOR MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES AS WELL AS EDITORS OF THE LABOR PRESS.

E. SPECIFIC PROGRAM REQUESTS:

WASHINGTON, D.C.: VISITS TO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE, NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MANPOWER POLICY AND, IF TIME PERMITS, NATIONAL CENTER FOR PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF WORKING LIFE FOR OVERVIEW OF USG ROLE IN LABOR AFFAIRS. VISIT TO U.S. CAPITOL AND MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBER OF HOUSE OR SENATE POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, INCLUDING RIGHT TO STRIKE, OF FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. MEETING WITH LABOR JOURNALIST JOHN HERLING AND, IF TIME PERMITS, LABOR REPORTERS OF WASHINGTON POST AND U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. VISIT TO AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPANESE LABOR MOVEMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR RENEST LEE AND TO MEET WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE AFL-CIO OFFICIALS TO HEAR ABOUT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OF AFL-CIO. WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AFL-CIO EDUCATION CENTER AND TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT OF MAJOR AFL-CIO AFFILIATE, PARTICULARLY COMMUNICA-

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TIONS WORKERS PRESIDENT GLENN WATTS (WHOM EMOTO MENTIONED IN RECENT SANKEI COLUMN ON AFL-CIO SOHYO TALKS. SEE AUG. 17 ISSUE OF EMBASSY'S PRESS TRANSLATIONS).

MIAMI BEACH: WISHES TO SPEND SHORT TIME OBSERVING IUE CONVENTION IN ORDER TO COMPARE IT WITH ITS JAPANESE COUNTERPART (NOTE: PRESIDENT OF JAPANESE

ELECTRICMACHINERY WORKERS, TOSHIFUMI TATEYAMA,
WILL BE ATTENDING CONVENTION).

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PHILADELPHIA: MEETING AT WHARTON SCHOOL WITH PROFES-
SOR HERBERT NORTHRUP (WITH WHOM EMOTO MET BRIEFLY IN
TOKYO IN JUNE), TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL LABOR
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THE MULTINATIONALS, AND WITH
PROFESSOR ROBERT KLINE TO DISCUSS UNEMPLOYMENT AND
INFLATION IN U.S. ECONOMY. IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD
LIKE TO ATTEND MEETING OF LOCAL UNION.

NEW YORK: OBSERVATION OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OF
LABOR UNION. MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE STAFF
MEMBERS OF NEW YORK CITY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL AND/
OR UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS. DISCUSSIONS WITH
ABE RASKIN OF NEW YORK TIMES, LABOR AFFAIRS EDITOR
OF WALLSTREET JOURNAL, ILGWU VICE PRESIDENT GUS
TYLER AND LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR OF SOME MAJOR
NEW YORK-BASED COMPANY.

BOSTON: APPOINTMENTS WITH HARVARD TRADE UNION
PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOSEPH O'DONNELL, TO DISCUSS U.S.
LABOR HISTORY, AND WITH HARVARD PROFESSOR EZRA
VOGEL, TO DISCUSS U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS AND VOGEL'S
RESEARCH ON JAPANESE BUSINESS. VISIT TO
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICES.
NIAGARA FALLS: SIGHTSEEING.

DETROIT: MEETING WITH LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR OF
MAJOR AUTO COMPANY AND UAW STAFFERS. TOUR OF ATUO

PLANT IF POSSIBLE. IF TIME PERMITS, MEETING WITH
OFFICIALS OF COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN. (WE
UNDERSTAND THAT CHAIRPERSON OF COALITION IS FORMER
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UAW VICE PRESIDENT MS. OLGA MADAR.) OBSERVATION
OF STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OFFICE AND CITY
WELFARE (PUBLIC ASSISTANCE) PROGRAM. DISCUSSION OF
LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUTH.

CHICAGO: APPOINTMENT WITH DR. BERNARD KARSH, UNIV.
OF ILLINOIS; VISIT TO USW LOCAL, MEETING WITH LABOR
JOURNALIST FOR CHICAGO NEWSPAPER.

MADISON AND MILWAUKEE: APPOINTMENTS WITH DR.
SOLOMON B. LEVINE, UNIV. OF WISCONSIN AND JOHN W.
SCHMITT, PRESIDENT, WISCONSIN STATE AFL-CIO TO
DISCUSS LABOR MOVEMENTS IN U.S. AND JAPAN. IF
POSSIBLE SHORT VISIT TO FARM COMMUNITY NEAR MADISON.
SHORT STOPOVER IN WYOMING, COLORADO, MONTANA OR
IDAHO TO VISIT STATE AFL-CIO ORGANIZATION, MEET A
LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISIT A NATIONAL PARK
OR MONUMENT.

GRAND CANYON AND LAS VEGAS: SIGHTSEEING AND
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO: OBSERVE LOCAL AFL-CIO
OR AFFILIATED UNION'S COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, MEET
WITH CONSUMER MOVEMENT LEADERS, VISIT JAPANESE-OWNED
PLANT (E.G. SONY).

4. EMOTO HOPES FOR ENOUGH OPEN TIME TO EXPLORE ON
HIS OWN AND WISHES TO OBSERVE WHEREVER POSSIBLE LABOR
UNION AND PARTY ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDEN-
TIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. ALSO WISHES TO DISCUSSIONS WITH
"GRASS ROOTS" (LOCAL) UNION LEADERS. VISIT TO
RELATIVELY SMALL SOUTHERN CITY DESIRABLE IF POSSIBLE
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